

## High Street Church



The High Street Methodist Church in West Duxbury, was built in 1867 at a cost of \$7000, but Methodism flourished in Duxbury before this. The year 1829 found Methodist Ministers preaching in Ashdod, and their church was erected in this area. The Rev. Thomas Stetson was the first minister.

For 38 years the good folks of Duxbury found their way to the little Ashdod Church. Then they realized that the center of the community had shifted to High St., West Duxbury, and they thought a church in this thriving area would be of greater benefit to the parishioners. So a site was chosen at the corner of High and Taylor streets, and Joseph Lewis was the builder. On June 11, 1868, the Rev. Samuel Upham dedicated the new church.

Now, not all the members were in favor of this move to High St. Some of the members were

so incensed, that they withdrew from the Methodist Society and continued to worship at Ashdod. The first church of High St. lost the life of one of its young men. Arthur Mounce sleeps in Holland, where his grave is faithfully tended by two young women.

A pewter christening bowl is still in use, which bears the inscription, "Presented by E. E. Church of N. W. Duxbury, 1836."

In 1913 the High St. Church became affiliated with the Bryantville Methodist Episcopal Church and shared the same minister, a practice still carried out today, but the word Episcopal has been dropped from the official name of both New England Southern Conference.

Recently, the sanctuary has been remodeled, thanks to a faithful parishioner.

Thus is a Holy place made more lovely, a spot where young and old may seek "That Peace which Passeth Understanding."